## **ACQUISITION ALERT 00-03**

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The General Services Administration (GSA) and Small Business Administration (SBA) have entered into a partnership agreement that will help Federal agencies improve the SBA's 8(a) program through use of the GSA Federal Supply Service schedules program. The agreement will allow agencies to count purchases made from the GSA schedules toward their 8(a) procurement goals. This agreement covers all schedules. Additional information will be forthcoming regarding how this award information will be captured for reporting purposes.